Title: Environmental hazard due to breaking of asbestos carrying ship at Alang Ship Breaking Yard, Gujarat.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): Sir, I may kindly be permitted to raise the following matter today.

One of the world's largest ship called "S.S. Norway" with 900 tonnes of asbestos is heading for Alang, India's ship breaking yard in Gujarat. The ship better known as Blue Lady is expected to reach the ship breaking yard of Alang in Gujarat any time between May 16 and 25.

The Indian environmentalists including Green Peace once again have raised an alarm, claiming that SS Norway is seen to be three times more toxic than Clemenceu as it is carrying over 900 tonnes of asbestos contaminated materials on board which will make dismantling extremely hazardous. Dealing with the Blue Lady would involve recycling of 40,000 tonnes of waste material besides acids, heavy metals in paint coatings and cabins.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take immediate action to save the country from becoming a dumping ground for hazardous toxic material.